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I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI), which was established on 14 August 2003 in accordance with Security Council resolution 1500 (2003).

Following the usual consultations, I would like to inform you that I intend to appoint Ad Melkert (the Netherlands) as my Special Representative for Iraq and Head of UNAMI. Mr. Melkert would succeed Staffan de Mistura (Sweden), who completed his assignment on 30 June 2009.

Mr. De Mistura served in Iraq for 18 months, and I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation for his valuable leadership in a challenging security environment for the entire Mission.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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